

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-16 and 33-41, as well as the indication of allowability of claims 18-32, 43-53, and 59-67. Claims 17, 42, 54, 57, 60-64, 66, and 67 are amended. Claims 18, 43, 55, and 59 are cancelled without prejudice to their underlying subject matter.

Claims 17 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 6,563,151 (Shin et al.). Independent claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter from dependent claim 18, indicated as allowable in the Office Action. Independent claim 42 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter from dependent claim 43, indicated as allowable in the Office Action. In view of the amendment to the claims, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of claims 17 and 42 be withdrawn.

Claims 54 and 56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent 5,895,487 (Boyd et al.) in view of Shin et al. and U.S. patent 6,072,210 (Choi). Claims 54, 55, 57, and 58 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boyd et al. in view of U.S. patent 6,097,070 (Mandelman et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections. Independent claim 54 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 55 and 59, indicated as allowable in the Office Action. In view of this amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of claims 54-58 be withdrawn.

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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